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At Concord in the afternoon of each of the "one day".
At Canada on the first Saturday of each month.
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THE SPORTING WORLD

Lamy Hard at Work.

Now that he has been reinstated by the International Skating Union of America, Edmund Lamy, last year's amateur ice skating champion, is once more confident that he will be able to show his heels to the other cracks in this country. He has been hard at work practicing for the past few weeks and is ready to tackle all comers. Lamy is one of the speediest ice skaters ever known. Last season he made



EDMUND LAMY.

a clean sweep of all the championship outdoor events from one up to five miles. In October last Lamy was expelled by the Eastern Amateur Skating association for an alleged failure to register before he entered the national competitions in Cleveland Jan. 26, 1909. Not only was Lamy's appeal favorably acted upon by the International union recently, but a resolution was adopted in effect that Secretary F. H. Coupe of the Eastern Amateur Skating union be removed from his office within fifteen days "for conduct on his part prejudicial to the interests of skating."

May See Canadian Football. Arthur Cummins of Philadelphia is negotiating for two Canadian football teams to play a series of games in the United States. The Ottawa team, which holds the interprovincial championship, is anxious to exhibit the Canadian style to American football men. A. B. Mulligan, a member of the executive committee of the Ottawa management, said recently: "The Canadian Rugby is no less vigorous, but not so dangerous, as the American college game. Ours eliminates the mass play, forbids offside interference and opens the play so that the contest makes a far better spectacle. The Ottawa team played seven hard games without a single accident that could be called serious."

Golf War Brewing. Official announcement was made recently by President Charles F. Thompson of the Western Golf association that a special committee had been named to draft amendments to the constitution for submission to the annual meeting Jan. 15 in Chicago. The appointment of this committee is the forerunner of a possible "fight to the finish" between the Western Golf association and the United States Golf association.

Many Colleges May Compete. The annual games of the Boston Athletic association will be held in Mechanics' building on Feb. 12, and, besides the usual Harvard class relay championship races, it is planned to hold similar contests between eastern colleges. Invitations to enter relay teams have been sent to Amherst, Bates, Boston college, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, Holy Cross, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Maine, University of Pennsylvania, Wesleyan, Williams, Yale and also to the Chicago Athletic association, Irish-American Athletic association and New York Athletic club.

Polo in New Hands. The objection made by English poloists against the management of games by the Hurlingham club as being practiced in the hands of the Millers, the horse dealers, who furnish all the polo ponies in England, has resulted in some radical changes. The English players have been displeased for some time because of the arbitrary management exercised by the Hurlingham club. It is now announced that English teams for all future matches with the United States will be chosen by a board of control, on which every prominent club in England and Ireland will be represented.

To Train Forest King, 2:18 1/4. The Forest King, 2:18 1/4, is to be trained next season. He could trot in 2:10 as a three-year-old.

WONDERFUL RETRIBUTION.

An Incident of the Workings of Canada's Government Protection.

In September, 1904, two white men entered the Lesser Slave lake country, in the Canadian northwest, ostensibly prospecting for gold. Subsequently the Indians reported that one of the men seemed to be traveling alone, an observant Cree boy adding, "The white man's dog won't follow that fellow any more." The answers given by Charles King of Mount Pleasant, Utah, regarding his lost companion, Hayward, were not satisfactory. King was arrested, and there began one of the most splendid bits of detective work of which Canada has record.

Sergeant Anderson turned over the ashes of a campfire and found three hard lumps of flesh and a small piece of skull bone. In front stretched a little slough, or lake, which seemed a likely place in which to look for evidence. Settling Indian women to fish up with their toes any hard substance they might find in the ooze, Anderson secured a stickpin of unusual make and a sovereign case. He systematically drained the lake and found a shoe with a broken eye needle sticking in it. The campfire ashes examined with the microscope yielded the missing part of a needle's broken eye and established unmistakable connection between lake and camp.

The maker of the stickpin in London, England, was communicated with by cable, and the Canadian government summoned a Mr. Hayward to come from England to identify the trinkets of his murdered brother. Link by link the chain grew. It took eleven months for Sergeant Anderson to get his complete case in shape. The mounted police brought from Lesser Slave lake to Edmonton forty Indian and half breed witnesses. The evidence was placed before the jury, and the Indians returned to their homes. A legal technicality cropping up, the trial had to be repeated in its entirety, and once more those forty men, women and children left their traps and fishing nets and came into Edmonton to tell their story.

The result was that Charles King was found guilty of the murder of Edward Hayward and paid the death penalty. The trial cost the government of Canada over \$30,000—all to avenge the death of one of the wandering units to be found in every corner of the silent places, an unknown prospector—Agnes Dean Cameron in Century.

THE PROPER FOOD FOR POULTRY.

With all the diversified beliefs as to the proper diet for fowls to induce the greatest egg production, it is almost universally conceded that some sort of animal food is needed. For this purpose the handiest and most satisfactory article is "Page's Perfect Poultry Food." H. B. Rinnells of South Newbury, Vt., expresses the almost universal sentiment of all who have carefully used this food. He says: "Having sold Page's Perfect Poultry Food for several years past, we unhesitatingly commend it to all keepers of poultry as the best food on the market for laying hens. We have already placed our order for the coming season, and in a few days will be ready to serve our customers again. As a food for the cold season, we think it has no equal."

If you want to know more about this food and the best ways of using it, write to C. S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt., for his booklet, "Profitable Poultry." It will be sent free, postpaid, to anyone mentioning this paper.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

How to Save the Manure.

Where it is absolutely necessary to store manure it should be kept under cover if possible, where it will be free from heavy rains and melting snow, which cause excessive leaching if the manure is not properly piled. A covered manure shed, with tight concrete floor, is desirable when daily hauling cannot be practiced.

Manure can be piled, however, so that there will be small loss of fertility. The piles should be placed on a tight board floor or on a bottom of puddled clay and should be made with perpendicular sides, the top of the pile sloping toward the middle so that the manure will be kept moist. Piles should be deep enough so that the heaviest rains or snows will not wet clear through to the bottom and thus result in leaching. The important point is to keep the manure constantly wet, since fire fangling or heating, which causes serious loss, occurs only in dry manure.

Where phosphate fertilizers are to be applied to the soil they may be mixed with manure at the rate of one pound of rock phosphate or dots per day for each animal. This should be sprinkled in the manure gutters, so as to be thoroughly mixed with the manure as it is hauled out.—E. B. Hart, University of Wisconsin, in Country Gentleman.

Best Time to Farrow Pigs.

I believe where a farmer will fix good warm quarters for early pigs there is more clear money in having them come in February or March and pushing them along for market at the close of the summer trade, about the last ten days in September, than any other time of the year, writes an Ohio hog raiser in the Orange Judd Farmer. By so doing you grow and fatten your hogs during the warm and warmest season of the year and avoid the winter care of them.

I know several farmers that have large hog houses arranged with large

windows to let in plenty of sunshine and with stoves in them for cold weather for their early pigs. If your buildings are not arranged for early pigs June or July is a good time to have them come and fatten them out at the close of the winter market. In this way, however, you can raise only one litter a year, but you are not at very much trouble or expense in raising them. By having the February or March pigs come you can raise two litters a year. The second litter can come in September, and these can be fattened out the following spring or summer.

Timothy a Good Grass.

Timothy grass is fast playing out, and certainly there is a mistake made in dropping it, writes an Indiana farmer in American Agriculturist. Hay is worth today \$17 per ton, and were it not for a fine straw surplus hay would be worth \$20. Considering the ease with which it is grown and cared for, I wonder that so many farmers are giving it up. It is always in demand at good prices. While not so good as feeding purposes, yet there is no waste, as with other hays.

Every farm of any size should have its timothy fields. A forty acre farm should have at least five acres of grass and larger farms in same proportion. An acre of good timothy will give more clear money than will two or three acres of other grasses or clovers. Ease of curing is seen in the fact that if in right condition for cutting it can be cut in the morning and put in the barn in the evening. Outdoor stacking is not to be commended.

Sheep Notes.

The roundup farm is where the sheep are needed most. Oldmen will often prevent indigestion and keep the young sheep on edge.

Sheep should be given salt every day. Once a week is not sufficient. They will not eat too much.

Oats make a good ration for sheep in connection with corn and other grains and are always eaten with keen relish.

Don't let the sheep get wet; takes a long time to dry out their heavy coats of fleece. Provide shelter. It will pay you.

A small flock of sheep on a well conducted farm cannot lose money for their owner.

In going into winter quarters be sure that every ewe is in the best of condition. If any are below standard nurse and feed them up at once.

Care of Pastures.

Pasture lands receive too little attention from the majority of farmers. If the pastures thrive and produce good growth, all right, and then if they run out and grow up in weeds the man thinks he hasn't time to look after and improve matters. These conditions are often allowed to exist until the land has to be broken up and put to grain or some sort in order to fight the weeds successfully, and while few realize it, such lands have lost their owners from \$2 to \$3 an acre every year they were left to run as they might. The "stitch in time" saves all this trouble and loss.

Skim milk For Pigs.

Pigs fed on skim milk do better than upon any other diet, whether fed sour or sweet. Pigs seem to like the sour rather than the sweet, and in either case grain foods should be fed with it in order to make a balanced ration. Skim milk as a food for all young animals is an aid to the digestive organs, as there is not a particle of it but is digestible.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It invigorates the entire system and strengthens the kidneys so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. John W. Thurston.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Polished Tables.

Every housekeeper knows how hard it is to keep a dining table in good condition, even when it is given the greatest care. One reason of this is that the surface is polished before the grease is removed. This is best done by putting a little gasoline in lukewarm water and rubbing the boards with a well dampened cloth. Rub in a circular direction and do not have the cloth wet enough to have the water stand on the wood. Wipe until nearly dry; then polish with a soft dandel and a furniture polish. This last polishing should be done with the grain of the wood or it will leave a blurred surface. Rub hard until the wood is hot and shining. It is only by hard and constant rubbing that a table which is in constant use can be kept free of bad stains and marks.

Bean Cutlets With Tomato Puree.

This is a vegetarian dish. Different kinds of beans may be used for these cutlets, but undoubtedly the Boston baked beans are the most savory. Press about two cupfuls of cooked beans through a puree sieve, season with pepper and salt if needed (the canned beans are already salted), add just sufficient beaten egg to bind the mass together, form with the hands into cutlet shapes and set aside for a short time; roll in beaten egg and then in bread crumbs and fry in hot fat till brown. Serve on rice and pour around the dish some good tomato puree. To make the puree sieve some stewed to-

matoes (canned or fresh) to remove the seeds, season with salt and pepper and add a small piece of butter.

California Pudding.

Cover a saucepan two inches in depth with tart sliced fruit apples are nice, bring to boiling point and pour over the fruit the following batter: One tablespoonful of butter, one-half cupful of sugar, one egg, beaten; one-half cupful of milk, one cupful of flour sifted with one teaspoonful of baking powder and vanilla.

Bake quickly and serve with a tart lemon sauce, to which add a little grated lemon peel and a bit of nutmeg.

Handy Electric Cleaner.

One of the most convenient electric cleaners ever put on the market, if not the most convenient up to date, is that herewith shown. As can be seen, this cleaner is quite small and can be carried about with ease. It weighs only eight pounds and takes up no more room than an ordinary sweeper in operation, however, it is a giant for work. Attached to an electric light fixture, it can be operated for



Sticks Diet Into Rag.

less than a cent an hour, as far as the cost of power goes, and the agitator has 10,000 pounding blows per minute. At the end of the cleaner is a powerful suction fan that sucks every particle of dirt from curtains, walls, upholstery and furniture and sends it into the sack that stretches along the handle. When the sack is full it can be quickly emptied in the ash barrel. Strong as the suction is, it cannot injure the finest rug or curtains, and there is also a felt pad for hardwood floors and other woodwork.

Penotchie.

Put into a saucepan a cupful of milk and three cups of light brown sugar. Roll until a little dropped into cold water forms a soft ball when rolled between the thumb and fingers. Take from the fire, add a tablespoonful of butter and beat in a teaspoonful of vanilla and stir in broken a cupful of pecan nut meats broken into coarse pieces. Drop by the spoonful upon waxed paper.

Smothered Potatoes.

Pare and slice six or eight large potatoes. Fry four slices of salt pork on both sides the careful not to burn, then add three or four small onions and a small piece of lean pork. Fry a few minutes, stirring with a knife. Add the potatoes and one cupful of hot water. Cover and cook about half an hour, stirring occasionally.

Scrapie.

Cook one pound of fresh pork until it drops from the bones. Pick the meat to pieces and strain the liquor, of which there should be one pint. Put the liquor and meat on to boil and thicken with Indian meal until it will harden enough when cold to cut up and dry in slices. Season the liquor with pepper and salt.

Black Pudding.

One cup molasses, one cup raisins, one cup hot water, one cup fat salt pork chopped fine, flour for a thick batter, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of all kinds of spice and speck of salt. Steam four hours.

His Little Scheme.

"Great Caesar, old man!" exclaimed the gammer as he opened the door and found his friend's house brilliantly illuminated at noonday. "What does this mean? Why are all these blankets over the windows, and why is the gas burning in the daytime?" "Sh!" whispered Guyer cautiously. "It's a scheme of mine."

"What kind of a scheme?" "Why, my wife is on a visit to her mother, and I tell her I remain home every night and read. I've got to get rid of some gas somehow so it will go on the bill at the end of the month."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Little Sarcasm.

Maid to lady at door—Mrs. Spencer is not at home. Caller (who knows differently)—Oh, I'm so sorry! But never mind. Tell Mrs. Spencer when she comes in that I called to say that I'm awfully glad she goes out more than she did. I've always wondered why she kept herself cooped up in the house all the time.—Boston Transcript.

Might Mob Him.

"The audience is calling you," the playwright was informed. "I hear them," he answered. "Show me the quickest way to get out of here."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate.—A. Clarke.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold, but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs and expels the cold from your system. John W. Thurston.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Patty's Popcorn Party.

Patty's papa said she might have a popcorn party on the evening of her birthday, so Patty set to work getting out the invitations. She used corn colored paper, and in one corner of the sheet was written, "To meet Miss C. Cob very informally." Ten little girls received these dainty notes, and ten little girls eagerly awaited the coming of Saturday evening.

Patty was at the door to receive them, and as each one entered she gave her a necklace of popcorn sewed upon satin ribbon, each ribbon a different shade.

Up in the sitting room burned a bright fire in the grate, and the guests were allowed to pop the corn, each one in turn telling a ghost story. Such fun as these mischiefs had! Nor was the fun any less when they were ushered into the dining room. Here all the decorations were corn color, and besides many good party things to eat, popcorn was served in buttered, salted and spiced form, and each girl received a pretty canvas bag filled with popcorn as a souvenir.

The principal game was the writing on slips of paper as many words as possible beginning with "corn," such as cornflower, cornice, cornucopia, etc. The one with the longest list won the prize.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Few Odd Facts.

Bristol, during the reign of Edward III. of England, had three merchants named Blanket living in the town. They were woolen weavers and the first people to make the material which ever since has been called by their name. It was first used for making peasants' clothing.

In the German royal family a custom is in vogue of lighting a candle for every year upon the birthday of any one connected with the family. These candles, standing in golden candlesticks, surround the birthday cake and make a pretty sight.

In Naples there exists a race of cats which live in churches, where they are kept by the authorities to eat the mice which are numerous in the old buildings, and they may frequently be seen walking up and down among the congregation or gravely sitting before the pulpit.—Chicago News.

Conundrums.

Why is Father Time like a modern boy? Because he travels by cycles (bicycles).

Why is a very amusing man like a bad shot? Because he keeps the game alive.

Which is woman's favorite word? The last one.

When people are quarreling out of doors what should they do? Coincide (go inside).

If I were in the sun and you were out of it what would the sun become? Sin.

What is it that is a cat and not a cat and yet a cat? A kitten.

Why was the dumb waiter returned? Because it didn't answer.

Weighing Smoke.

Did you ever hear the story of how Sir Walter Raleigh made a wager with Queen Elizabeth that he could weigh the smoke that came from a pipeful of tobacco? How do you suppose he did it? If you can guess you are more clever than Queen Elizabeth, and yet the solution is simple.

He weighed the tobacco carefully on some scales before he put it in his pipe, and after he had smoked it he knocked out the ashes and weighed those. The difference, of course, was the weight of the smoke.

To Make an Egg Stand on End.

To accomplish this trick let the performer take an egg in his hand and while he keeps talking and staring in the faces of the audience give it two or three hearty shakes. This will break the yolk of the egg, which will sink to one end and consequently make it more heavy, by which when it is settled you make it with a steady hand stand upon the table. This would be impossible while it continued in its proper state.

Floral Decorations.

Jennie is only five, and her brother Rob is six, so of course she asks all sorts of questions, and he always answers them.

The other day she heard some one talking about "floral decorations" and immediately asked Rob what it meant. "Why, don't you know even that?" exclaimed Rob scornfully. "Why, floral decorations are rugs or carpet or matting or anything else you use to decorate the floor?"

Mother Nature's Quilts.

Wise Mother Nature started out one raw, bleak autumn day With her pump arms filled with bed-quilts she'd made to give away. She had patched them for her children (some were new, and some were old) To keep them safe in winter from getting stiff and cold.

For the little plants and rootlets, when the north wind moans and grieves, She brought to keep them cozy a heavy quilt of leaves. To the squirrels, tired of playing all the long, warm summer through, She gave a quilt of tree holes, the best thing she could do. The little future butterflies received, each one, I'm told, A cocoon bedquilt, soft as silk, their bodies to infold. The woodchucks Mother Nature wrapped in bedquilts made of earth. 'Twas not because of other things, I'm sure, she found a dearth. The bears in bedquilt caves she rolled to keep them warm and snug. Where they might lie the winter through. For all her other children, too, she had some quilts as well. What were they and who had them? I wonder can you tell.—Youth's Companion.

TELLTALE PICTURES.

Paintings That Have Done the Work of Detectives.

BROUGHT CRIMES TO LIGHT.

Instances of Where the Canvas of an Artist Led to a Confession of Guilt. A Woman's Portrait and a Stolen Diamond Ornament.

An artist who had suddenly become almost famous by his production of a painting exhibited at the Royal academy was one day called upon by a man whose visit was productive of the most extraordinary and undreamed of consequences.

The picture represented a lonely stretch of beach upon which the sea was beating in long, creamy rollers. In the foreground, bending over a dead body, was a man with a wild expression on his face and with a naked knife in his hand. A ship's boat, evidently just beached, was also in the picture, and by the side of the murdered man was a bag of gold. The picture portrayed the advent of two castaways upon a friendly shore. The one had murdered the other so that the treasure might be his.

The painter's visitor was a gray haired, wild eyed man.

"In heaven's name, sir," he gasped out, "how did you learn the dreadful story that you painted? I see you know all. I murdered my mate Bill to get the money that was his. I threw his body into the sea. I don't know what impulse led me to the academy. The first thing I saw was your picture representing the scene that took place thirty years ago."

Needless to say, the picture had been the outcome of imagination. Yet murder will out, and the guilty conscience of the man who had killed his comrade for lust of gold had convinced him that the painting was no coincidence, but was indeed the actual portrayal of a dastardly and unwitting crime.

There is probably no picture better known in England than "The Doctor," by Luke Fildes, yet there are probably very few people aware of the fact that that selfsame masterpiece was the means of bringing to light the perpetration of a crime that would otherwise never have been known.

A certain doctor in a large town committed suicide, and among his papers was a letter which ran as follows: "I have today seen Luke Fildes' 'Doctor.' The picture represents a medical man watching by the bedside of a